The broad aims for establishment of Navodaya Vidyalayas are to serve the objective of excellence coupled with equity to promote national integration, provide opportunities to the talented children to develop their full potential and to facilitate the process of school improvement. An important feature of the Scheme is migration of a given percentage of students from one Navodaya Vidyalaya to another located in a different linguistic region after completing Class VIII. This feature requires the adoption of common scheme of studies and medium of instruction throughout the country.

Flyover to connect National Highway No. 24 with Lodhi Road in New Delhi

2483. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal to construct a flyover in Delhi over the railway lines to connect National Highway No. 24 with Lodhi Road near the Nizamuddin round about; and

(b) if so, what is the progress so far made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allegations of corruption against Deputy Commissioner (P) in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2484. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Secretary(S) in his ministry who was asked to investigate into various allegations of corruption levelled against the Deputy Commissioner(P) on deputation in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has submitted his report;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether a decision has been taken in the light thereof and if so, what are the details of the decision?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Complaints received against Deputy Commissioner(P) in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan were looked into by the Ministry.

(b) The complaints against the Deputy Commissioner (P) related to admission of ineligible wards of his relatives, favouritism in appointment of near relatives, non-transfer of Teachers in accordance with the transfer guidelines and usurping the duties of another Deputy Commissioner. These complaints were looked into and were found unsubstantiated.

(c) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Railways for 21st century

2485. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans for modernising Indian Railways for the Twenty-First century;

(b) the details of the plans to increase freight and passenger traffic;

(c) the speed targets to be achieved using modern tracks, better designed coaches and high speed electric locomotives;

(d) the details of the new lines that will be laid and renewals of the old lines; and

(e) the plan for buildng new bridges and tunnels?